Industrial accidents

2138. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial accidents that took place in the country, State-wise during the last three years; year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to reduce such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARY DUBEY): (a) and (b) The statistics of injuries resulting from industrial accidents by reason of which the persons injured are prevented from working for a period of 48 hours or more immediately following the accidents are collected under the Factories Act, 1948. The total number of industrial accidents that took place in the country, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise, is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

The Factories Act, 1948 lays down a number of provisions for ensuring safety in manufacturing processes. The Act was amended last year with a view to making safety provisions more stringent and effective.

The responsibility for enforcement of the Act lies with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government also issues guidelines to the States/Union Territory Administrations from time to time regarding enforcement of safety provisions and meeting emergencies. A number of State Factory Inspectors have also been trained abroad in the methods of accident prevention, air monitoring and pollution control.

Statement

State	Industrial accidents during the year		
	1985	1986	1987
1. Delhi	2,071	1,280	506
2. Kerala	5,708	4,479	4,149
3. Haryana	3,093	2,897	3,209
4. Andhra Pradesh	7,092	7,838	8,219
5. Punjab	2,176	1,962	1,966
6. Madhya Pradesh	18,249	14,770	9,625
7. Chandigarh	70	64	73
8. Orissa	3,653	3,301	2,831
9. Himachal Pradesh	85	102	164
10. Assam	799	926	753
11. Manipur	2	6	2
12. Pondicherry	1,018	1,349	1,526
13. Goa	842	659	376
14. Uttar Pradesh	16,776	8,693	8,095
15. Karnataka	13,277	13,071	10,233
16. Rajasthan	9,340	6,554	7,074
17. Tripura	40	21	7
18. Meghalaya	...	2	1
19. West Bengal	75 ,327	84,765	67,155
20. Bihar	6,086	6,271	5,317
21. Jammu & Kashmir	126	122	123
22. Gujarat	34,185	36,198	30,623
23. Tamil Nadu	18,316	19,101	*13,494
24. Maharashtra	64,795	61,342	54,820

*Upto Sept, 87

* No industrial accidents were reported from other States.